

Remarks

The Examiner has variously rejected all the pending claims either in whole or in part over U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2003/0021442 (Suzaki).

Applicant submits a Declaration of Inventor under 37 CFR 1.131 (attached hereto) stating that the invention was invented at least as early as April 2002. Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant diligently pursued and reduced to practice the invention of the presently pending application extending from at least April 20, 2002 to filing in August 6, 2002 (approximately 3 ½ months to prepare and file the application).

Applicant respectfully submits that Suzaki has a 103(a) date of July 17, 2002 and therefore is not prior art to this application which has a conception date at least as early as April 2002 as evidenced by the Invention Disclosure attached to the Declaration.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-8, 10-19, 21-24, 26-28, 30 and 32 are in order for allowance and early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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